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In re: Vervoort et al.

Serial No.: 09/623,329

Filed: August 31, 2000

For: OLIGO NUCLEOTIDES FOR THE AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF  
EPSTEIN BARR VIRUS (EBV) NUCLEIC ACID

Group Art Unit: 1655

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**Election and Restriction**

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 16, 2002, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims.**

Please cancel Claims 1-14 for the purpose of re-writing.

Please add the following new claims:

15. (New) A method for determining the presence of EBV-positive epithelial tumor cells in a sample of an individual suspected of or at risk for carrying an EBV associated disease, comprising
- determining the presence of EBV positive cells by amplifying one or more targets from at least one RNA selected from the group consisting of:
    - the BKRF1 reading frame spanning nucleotides 107950 – 109872 of EBNA-1, and
    - a target within exons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 spanning nucleotides 58 - 272, 360 - 458, 540 - 788, 871 - 951, 1026 - 1196, 1280 - 1495 and 1574 – 1682, respectively, of LMP-2,
  - said method further comprising amplifying one or more target sequence(s) selected from the BARF1 reading frame spanning

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